

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 5 without prejudice or disclaimer, amend claims 1-2, and add a new claim 8 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A fluid control valve comprising:
 - a valve body;
 - an annular groove portion formed in an outer periphery of the valve body; and
 - a filter provided in the groove portion[;], the filter including a plate with a plurality of perforations and formed into a cylindrical shape, the filter [[is]] being fastened to the groove portion by winding a snap ring formed from a thin bar bent into a loop around an outer periphery of the filter in a circumferential direction,
wherein one end of the snap ring extends along an axial direction of the snap ring toward one of opposite side surfaces of the outer periphery of the filter defining the groove portion, and other end of the snap ring extends along an axial direction of the snap ring toward other of the opposed side surfaces.
2. (Currently Amended) A fluid control valve according to claim 1, wherein [[both]] each of said ends of the snap ring ~~extending in an axial direction and freely contacting~~ contacts with a respective one of said opposed side surfaces ~~defining the groove portion.~~
3. (Original) A fluid control valve according to claim 1 comprising:
 - each opposed side surface defining the groove portion being provided with a step portion, wherein a side edge of the cylindrical body is placed in the step portion.
4. (Original) A fluid control valve according to claim 2, wherein a curvature of the snap ring is defended by two points of the cylindrical body contacting with the inner diameter of the snap ring.
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Original) A fluid control valve according to claim 1 comprising:
 - a spool provided in a central hole of the valve body, wherein the spool slidably

moves in an axial direction by an electromagnet and the groove portion of the valve body freely communicates with an oil passage of the spool via a port in radial direction of the valve body.

7. (Original) A fluid control valve according to claim 1 comprising;
an outer surface of the valve body contacting with inner surface of the central hole of a housing, wherein an inlet port or an outlet port formed in the housing communicates with the groove portion of the valve body.
8. (New) A fluid control valve according to claim 1, wherein the snap ring is formed from the thin bar bent into the single loop with overlapping portions.